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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."
Luke 4:18*

4 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students

This week as we approach the third Sunday of Advent we are reminded of the joy of the coming of Christ and the joy that the season will bring for us all, I hope.

This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

As a community and Hagley family we have come together this past week through our generosity to offer so much joy to others, and as always, I am overwhelmed by your generosity, and am sure in the knowledge that this generosity will provide a little bit more joy to those in need this Christmas. A specific thank you to Webb's Cleaning Services Ltd, the schools cleaning contractors, who donated over £200 worth of treats, pictured here around the Christmas tree.

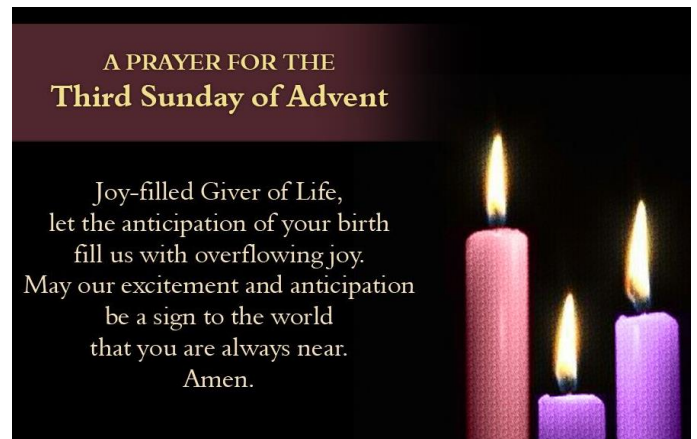
Of course, today we have embraced Christmas Jumper day and it was wonderful to see so many staff and students in their festive sweaters, with all money raised going to Save the Children and Father Hudson's Homes. If you haven't yet being able to donate please do so via Parent Pay but thank you for the £558 received so far.

COVID 19

As we enter the final week of what has felt like the longest term in educational history, I am so pleased to be able to reassure you all that the efforts and diligence we have all shown is paying dividends with only a handful of our community not in school currently due to the virus and no positive cases in over a fortnight. I do so hope we can maintain this till next Friday and all the way to those precious 5 days of Christmas between 23rd and 27th December that will be so precious and important to us all.

With that in mind please continue to be extra vigilant around the COVID symptoms including the ancillary symptoms of nausea, sickness, dizziness, extreme fatigue, runny nose/sore throat, vomiting, diarrhoea and sneezing. If your child displays any of these symptoms please do not send them into school next week.

If, of course, your child does display COVID symptoms please keep them off and book a test. Any positive tests between now and Sunday 20th December inclusive must still be reported to the school and I will be available on my email until 10am on Thursday 24th December 2020 for the reporting of any positive cases.



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However, I do hope that you appreciate that from this point onwards I will be shutting down, quite literally, and not available again until Monday 4th January 2021.

Last Week of Term

I mentioned last week that we will be breaking up early for Christmas next Friday and to confirm, students will be dismissed from school in order to catch the 1.33pm trains in both directions and the buses will depart by 1.45pm.

A further reminder that our festive lunch menu is continuing to run all next week for students that fancy a hot turkey roll, a giant pig in blanket baguette or a festive wrap and more.

The New Year

Students return to school after Christmas on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. If you haven't yet bought your child's train pass for next term please remember that WMR offer discounted termly season tickets of up to 50% and these are available now at www.wmr.uk/students.



When students return in January please do make every effort to send them back to school in perfect uniform. This is such an important part of maintaining high standards, equality and uniformity. This includes their PE kit and students will continue to need to wear their kit on PE days **only**, and I must reiterate that this **does not** include hoodies, these should never be in school.



At this time of year hats become an additional piece of important clothing on those cold mornings, but hats with the goggle eyes in, (as pictured) are not acceptable uniform and students must not have these in school, such items will be confiscated.

Finally, this time of year can see an increase in the volume of cyber crime and online safety is as important as ever, particularly when online shopping. Please see the accompanying information from the St Nicholas Owen CMAC IT Team.

Which only leaves me to wish you all an excellent weekend, one of hope, peace, joy and love, and every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson

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Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 18th December 2020 – Last day of term: break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Monday 4th January 2021 – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Start of Spring term

Thursday 7th January 2021 – Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening

